

REMARKS

Upon entry of the previously-filed Amendment and Response mailed October 22, 2003, claims 6-14 will be pending and under consideration. In the instant amendment, new claims 15-19 have been added. After entry of the instant amendment, claims 6-19 will be pending and under consideration.

New claims 15-19 are fully supported by the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 20, lines 10-24. No new matter has been added. Applicants therefore respectfully request entry of the instant amendment to the claims.

No fee, other than the claim amendment fee, is believed to be due with this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Pennie & Edmonds LLP U.S. Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 1803-335-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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